the basis of Sarkaria Commission's alia discussed the matter in regard to review of concurrent list and bringing a Central Legislation in consultation with State Government; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). In the first meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Inter-state Council constituted for examining the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission held in New Delhi on 26th September, 1991, recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission relating to Legislative Relations between the Centre and the State was discussed.

The Sub-Committee, inter alia, discussed recommendations relating to legislation on Subjects in the Concurrent List and the issue of review of the Concurrent List.

V.V.I.P. Security

468. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a new department to look after VVIP security;

(b) whether security of foreign missions, diplomats and political kidnapping are likely to be looked after by it; and

(c) whether N.S.Gs, which looks after the security of the Prime Minister and his family, is working under the newly formed department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The security of foreign missions and ambassadors will be looked after by the newly created "Security Division" In the Minister of Home Affairs.

(c) No, Sir.

Harijans Converted Into Christianity

469. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Harijans converted into Christianity and other religions are enjoying to benefits of th Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, is there any proposal before the Government to evolve a system to detect and prevent such cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). No, Sir.

(d) According to 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 amended up-to-date "No person who professes a religion different from the Hindu or the Sikh or the Buddhist religion shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste".

Naxalite Activities in States

470. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to contain the naxalite activities in various State;

(b) if so, whether the Government have

made Hyderabad the head-quarter of coordinating the Governmental activities in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A meeting was taken by the Home Minister recently in which the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Orissa took part. In the discussions that followed it was Inter alia agreed that the State Governments would prepare Action Plans incorporating maintenance of law and order and also developmental measures which are necessary to tackle the root cause of the problem. The consensus that emerged was that the Ministry of Home Affairs would act as the nodal agency in this regard. The Home Minister assured all help to the State Governments in the matter. A follow up meeting at the official level was held in Hyderabad on 31st October, 1991 in which various administrative and other measures were discussed.

Demand of Separate Job Quota for Muslims and Christians

471. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:
SHRI RAM NAIK:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand by Muslims and Christians to recognise these communities as educationally and socially backward class and to provide them with separate job quota in accordance with their population ration; and

(b) if so, the coming decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Vide O.M. dated 13th August, 1990 issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions (Deptt. of Personnel & Training), 27% of vacancies in civil services/posts of the Government of India to be filled through direct recruitment have been reserved for Socially & Educationally Backward Classes which would include some Socially & Educationally backward Classes muslims and christians also. The said O.M. has been amended on 25th September, 1991 to provide for additional reservation of 10% of vacancies in civil services/posts under the Government of India to be filled through direct recruitment for the Other Economically backward Sections. This would also cover some sections of muslims and christian who satisfy the economic criteria to be laid down by the Government in this regard.

The entire question of reservations for the Socially & Educationally Backward Classes and Economically Backward Sections of citizens is subjudice before a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court.

Refusal of World Bank for Financial Assistance to Power Projects

472. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has refused to grant any financial assistance for power projects of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the World Bank have suggested some corrective measures for the improvement of power situation; and

(d) if so, details thereof and reaction of the Union Government thereto?